

## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### California's Payroll Employment Up 15,500 Jobs

**SACRAMENTO** – California's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 15,500 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,291,400, according to the state Employment Development Department's (EDD) monthly survey of employers.

A separate survey of households showed the number of Californians holding jobs in December was 17,307,000. This was a decrease of 33,000 from November, but up 166,000 from the employment total in December of last year.

California's unemployment rate was 6.1 percent in December, up from 5.6 percent in November, according to EDD. In December 2006, California's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,126,000 – an increase of 88,000 over the month, and up by 255,000 compared with December of last year.

Of the unemployed, 432,200 were laid off, 74,800 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 451,098 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the December survey week. This compares with 302,550 last month and 357,413 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 56,984 in December 2007, compared with 39,531 in November and 49,206 in December of last year.

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## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 15,291,400 in December, a net gain of 15,500 jobs since the November survey. This followed a gain of 2,700 jobs (as revised) in November.

Nine of the categories (**natural resources and mining; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 21,700 jobs. Educational and health services showed the largest gain, up by 5,900 jobs. Two categories (**construction and financial activities**) reported job declines this month, down 6,200 jobs. Financial activities posted the largest decline over the month, down by 4,200 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (December 2006 to December 2007), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 78,800 jobs (up 0.5 percent).

Five industry divisions (**professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 159,600 jobs. Educational and health services showed the strongest employment growth on both a numerical and percentage of growth basis, adding 55,400 jobs (a 3.4 percent increase).

Six categories (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; and financial activities**) posted job declines over the year, down 80,800 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 37,700 jobs (a decline of 4.0 percent).

## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (**NOT** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **trade, transportation and utilities** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 33,300 jobs. The gains were mainly in retail trade, which was up by 31,500 jobs. **Construction** recorded the largest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 13,700 jobs. Most of the losses were in the specialty trade contractors sector, which was down by 9,700 jobs.

**Educational and health services** reported the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain over the year, up 56,100 jobs. The gains were recorded in health care and social assistance, up by 41,500 jobs, and educational services, up by 14,600 jobs. The largest decrease over the year was in **construction**, which was down by 37,300 jobs. The losses were mainly in specialty trade contractors, down 24,800 jobs, and construction of buildings, down 10,100 jobs.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	December 2007 (prelim.)	November 2007 (revised)	December 2006	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	15,291.4	15,275.9	15,212.6	0.5
Natural resources and mining . . . . .	25.9	25.7	26.0	-0.4
Construction . . . . .	899.5	901.5	937.2	-4.0
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,492.6	1,492.1	1,506.9	-0.9
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,894.6	2,893.5	2,897.0	-0.1
Information . . . . .	474.8	473.3	477.3	-0.5
Financial activities . . . . .	917.4	921.6	941.2	-2.5
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,280.2	2,277.4	2,260.2	0.9
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,696.9	1,691.0	1,641.5	3.4
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,574.4	1,568.8	1,544.6	1.9
Other services . . . . .	518.5	518.1	511.9	1.3
Government* . . . . .	2,516.6	2,512.9	2,468.8	1.9
Agriculture . . . . .	402.6	398.1	391.4	2.9

\*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

	December 2007	November 2007	October 2007	December 2006
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,433,000	18,378,000	18,241,000	18,012,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,307,000	17,340,000	17,219,000	17,141,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,126,000	1,038,000	1,022,000	871,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . .	6.1	5.6	5.6	4.8
US seasonally adjusted rate % .	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.4

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	December 2007	November 2007	October 2007	December 2006
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,394,000	18,374,000	18,269,000	18,041,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,315,000	17,353,000	17,287,000	17,216,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,079,000	1,021,000	982,000	825,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	5.9	5.6	5.4	4.6

<sup>a</sup>Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES  
DECEMBER 2007; 2006 BENCHMARK  
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,394,100</b>	<b>17,314,600</b>	<b>1,079,500</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
ALAMEDA	759,700	722,100	37,600	4.9%
ALPINE	630	590	40	6.4%
AMADOR	17,670	16,470	1,200	6.8%
BUTTE	104,500	96,800	7,700	7.4%
CALAVERAS	21,580	20,030	1,550	7.2%
COLUSA	9,650	7,920	1,730	17.9%
CONTRA COSTA	529,800	502,900	26,900	5.1%
DEL NORTE	11,090	10,170	920	8.3%
EL DORADO	95,600	90,000	5,600	5.9%
FRESNO	432,100	389,500	42,600	9.9%
GLENN	11,910	10,730	1,180	9.9%
HUMBOLDT	62,000	58,000	4,000	6.4%
IMPERIAL	68,700	56,400	12,300	17.9%
INYO	9,270	8,750	520	5.6%
KERN	356,900	323,100	33,800	9.5%
KINGS	58,000	52,200	5,800	10.0%
LAKE	26,950	24,530	2,420	9.0%
LASSEN	12,890	11,730	1,160	9.0%
LOS ANGELES	5,037,700	4,774,500	263,200	5.2%
MADERA	66,700	61,000	5,700	8.5%
MARIN	136,100	130,800	5,300	3.9%
MARIPOSA	8,850	8,200	650	7.3%
MENDOCINO	43,540	40,700	2,840	6.5%
MERCED	103,300	90,700	12,600	12.2%
MODOC	3,900	3,530	370	9.4%
MONO	8,960	8,500	460	5.1%
MONTEREY	197,400	175,100	22,300	11.3%
NAPA	72,700	69,000	3,700	5.1%
NEVADA	50,270	47,440	2,830	5.6%
ORANGE	1,637,900	1,568,000	69,900	4.3%
PLACER	172,500	163,200	9,300	5.4%
PLUMAS	10,400	9,360	1,040	10.0%
RIVERSIDE	929,200	867,700	61,500	6.6%
SACRAMENTO	696,900	655,800	41,100	5.9%
SAN BENITO	26,200	23,800	2,400	9.1%
SAN BERNARDINO	922,200	868,000	54,200	5.9%
SAN DIEGO	1,549,400	1,472,800	76,600	4.9%
SAN FRANCISCO	433,200	413,900	19,300	4.5%
SAN JOAQUIN	292,600	264,200	28,400	9.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	134,400	128,000	6,400	4.8%
SAN MATEO	378,600	363,600	15,000	4.0%
SANTA BARBARA	213,900	202,900	11,000	5.2%
SANTA CLARA	857,700	815,200	42,500	5.0%
SANTA CRUZ	149,100	138,200	10,900	7.3%
SHASTA	87,200	79,900	7,300	8.4%
SIERRA	1,680	1,500	180	10.6%
SISKIYOU	18,940	16,950	1,990	10.5%
SOLANO	217,200	204,600	12,600	5.8%
SONOMA	262,900	250,500	12,400	4.7%
STANISLAUS	232,100	208,900	23,200	10.0%
SUTTER	42,200	37,200	5,000	11.9%
TEHAMA	25,720	23,660	2,060	8.0%
TRINITY	5,010	4,400	610	12.2%
TULARE	196,500	175,100	21,400	10.9%
TUOLUMNE	26,460	24,580	1,880	7.1%
VENTURA	431,400	407,000	24,400	5.7%
YOLO	97,700	90,600	7,100	7.2%
YUBA	26,800	24,000	2,800	10.6%